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**Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of
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the World Summit for Children****First substantive session**

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

**Organizational arrangements for the preparatory process and
the special session****Draft decision proposed by the Bureau****Participation of non-governmental organizations in the
preparatory process**

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph (b) of its decision 2 of 8 February 2000,¹ by which:

other non-governmental organizations that are not accredited either to the Economic and Social Council or to UNICEF but that have a collaborative relationship and partnership with UNICEF pursuant to its mandate to obtain from non-governmental organizations having a special interest in child and family welfare the advice and technical assistance which it may require for the implementation of its programmes will also be invited to participate in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee. A list of those non-governmental organizations should be provided to the Preparatory Committee by 31 March 2000. The non-governmental organizations on the list will be approved by the Preparatory Committee on a no-objection basis by 30 April 2000,

Acknowledging that several suggestions for participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the special session have been received after the deadline established to that effect by the above-mentioned decision, namely, 31 March 2000,

Decides to extend the deadline for the approval on a no-objection basis of participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the special session as follows:

* A/AC.256/4.

¹ See A/55/43 (Part I).



(a) A list of additional non-governmental organizations proposed for participation should be provided to the Preparatory Committee by 30 September 2000;

(b) The non-governmental organization on that list will be approved by the Preparatory Committee on a no-objection basis by 31 October 2000.
